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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTION

1. WHEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR SAW TURKISH MFD SYG ELEKDAG IN ANKARA MAY 6, HE PROTESTED PUBLICATION OF TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTION. ELEKDAG TRIED TO PLAY DOWN ITS SIGNIFICANCE, NOTING IT CONTAINED AN AMENDMENT PROCEDURE AND TERMING IT A PROVISIONAL DOCUMENT ONLY.

2. EVENING MAY 6 FCO RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, DEPLORING TURKISH MOVE, WHICH WAS REPORTED WIDELY IN BRITISH PRESS: "WE ARE STUDYING THE FULL IMPLICATIONS OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION BUT, AS MR. HATTERSLEY MADE CLEAR IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON 14 FEBRUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DECLARATION OF THE SO-CALLED 'TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS' WE DEPLORE ANY ACTION WHICH COULD UNDERMINE THE SOVEREIGNTY, INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS. FURTHERMORE, AT THIS DELICATE STAGE IN THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS WHEN THE NECESSARY CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR

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THE NEXT CRUCIAL ROUND IN VIENNA BEGINNING ON 5 JUNE, WE

CONSIDER THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD REFRAIN FROM PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS. WE MAINTAIN OUR SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL'S EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE VIENNA TALKS. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO URGE BOTH COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WITH DR. WALDHEIM. WE DO NOT REGARD THIS AS A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. THERE IS EVERY EVIDENCE THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS THEMSELVES DO NOT REGARD IT AS SUCH. THERE IS OF COURSE NO QUESTION OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNIZING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE 'TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS'. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT SUPPORT PARTITION AS A SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME WE RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS. ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED ARE AWARE OF OUR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT."

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